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MEETING

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SUMMARY: AT JUNE 9 MEETING, POLADS AGREED AD REFERENDUM
ON TEXT OF DECISION SHEET AS WELL AS OF ANNEX 2. A POS-
SIBLE SOLUTION WAS FOUND TO FRENCH OBJECTION REGARDING
TITLE OF ANNEX 1. WE MAINTAINED THREE SETS OF BRACKETS IN
TEXT OF ANNEX 1 WHICH REFLECT DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE IN
REFS A AND F. IT WAS APPARENT THAT ALL POLADS REPS HOPED
THAT ALLIED DELS MEETING IN BELGRADE WOULD BE ABLE TO
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FINALIZE TEXTS PROMPTLY. POLADS ALSO DISCUSSED QUESTION
OF SPONSORSHIP OF DECISION SHEETS. SEE END OF THIS MESSAGE
FOR TEXT OF ANNEZ 1 AS IT PRESENTLY STANDS. END SUMMARY.

1. AT LENGTHY JUNE 9 POLADS DISCUSSION, ALLIED REPS AGREED
AD REFERENDUM TO TEXTS OF DRAFT DECISION SHEET AND
ANNEX 2 AS TRANSMITTED REF C. TURKISH REP INDICATED THAT

HIS AUTHORITIES DOUBT UTILITY OF ANNEX 2, BUT IMPLIED THEY WOULD GO ALONG WITH THE MAJORITY.

2. AS REGARDS ANNEX 1, HOWEVER, FRENCH REP -- SUPPORTED BY FRG COLLEAGUE -- OBJECTED TO USE OF WORD "INDICATIVE" IN TITLE. DRAWING ON RATIONALE IN REF E, PARA 3D, WE CONTENDED THAT ANNEX 1 SHOULD MAKE IT AS CLEAR AS POSSIBLE THAT PROPOSED 12-WEEK TIMETABLE IS ONLY INDICATIVE AND SHOULD BE CONTINGENT ON THE BELGRADE MAIN MEETING FULFILLING ITS TASKS. IN EFFORT TO MEET FRENCH AND GERMAN OBJECTIONS TO "INDICATIVE" AS WELL AS RESPOND TO US POINT, POLADS AGREED TENTATIVELY THAT, FOLLOWING THE TITLE OF ANNEX 1, THERE MIGHT BE THE FOLLOIWN PARENTHETICAL PHRASE: "(SEE PARA 2 OF THE DECISION SHEET)". COMMENT: PARA 2 OF THE DECISION SHEET STATES THAT THE "PARTICIPATING STATES WILL ENDEAVOR TO COMPLETE THE WORK OF THE MEETING WITHIN A FRAMEWORK OF 12 WEEKS BUT IN ANY EVENT THE MEETING WILL NOT END UNTIL IT HAS FULFILLED ITS MANDATE AND HAS ADOPTED A CONCLUDING DOCUMENT". WE BELIEVE THAT HAVING THE TITLE OF ANNEX 1 REFER BACK TO PARA 2 OF THE DECISION SHEET MAKES MORE EXPLICIT THE NEED FOR THE MAIN MEETING TO COMPLETE ITS WORK BEFORE THE MEETING CAN CONCLUDE. THIS SOLUTION MET CONSIDERABLE FAVOR AND WE SUGGEST THAT US REPS AT BELGRADE SUPPORT IT. END COMMENT.

3. IN VIEW OF INSTRUCTIONS IN PARA 3 OF REF A AND PARA 5 OF REF F, WE PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES IN ANNEX 1

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--PARA 1, SECOND SENTENCE: "STATEMENTS SHOULD BE NO LONGER THAN 50 MINUTES PER SPEAKER."

--PARA 2, ADD "UP TO" BEFORE "THREE WEEKS" AT END OF PARA.

--PARA 3, SECOND SENTENCE: "DISCUSSION OF PROPOSALS SHOULD BE DISTINCT FROM DISCUSSION OF EVALUATION IN COMMITTEES."

4. US SUGGESTIONS WERE OPPOSED BY ALL EC-NINE COUNTRIES' REPS, WHO MAINTAINED THAT PRESENT TEXT OF ANNEX 1 HAD BEEN THE RESULT OF LABORIOUS NEGOTIATIONS OVER MANY MONTHS AND THAT ATTEMPTS TO MODIFY ITS LANGUAGE WOULD UPSET THE PRESENT BALANCE. NON-NINE COUNTRY REPS DID NOT SUPPORT US SUGGESTIONS, WHICH WERE LEFT, AT US REP'S INSISTENCE IN BRACKETS.

5. UK REP, SPEAKING FOR THE EC, SAID THAT THE NINE WOULD MEET IN BELGRADE ON JUNE 13 TO DISCUSS THE DECISION SHEET AND THE ANNEXES. HE ADDED HIS HOPE -- SHARED BY ALL

OTHER POLADS REPS -- THAT NATO DELS COULD THEN
FINALIZE DECISION SHEET AND ANNEXES EXPEDITIOUSLY.
6. NORWEGIAN REP SUGGESTED THAT DECISION SHEET BE TABLED AT
BELGRADE BY THE NINE, WITH CO-SPONSORSHIP BY AN ALLIED
NON-NINE COUNTRY AND, HOPEFULLY, BY A NEUTRAL
COUNTRY. FRENCH REP COUNTERED THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE
FOR DECISION SHEET TO BE TABLED BY THE NINE ACTING ALONE
SO AS TO AVOID GIVING WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES THE IMPRESSION
OF "GANGING UP". ALLIED REPS AGREED THAT QUESTION OF
SPONSORSHIP OF DECISION SHEET WOULD NEED TO BE
DECIDED PROMPTLY AT BELGRADE.

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7. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ANNEX 1 AS IT EMERGED FROM JUNE 9
POLADS MEETING:

BEGIN TEXT

ANNEX 1

BEGIN BRACKETS INDICATIVE END BRACKETS TIME SCHEDULE AND
ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK
BEGIN BRACKETS (SEE PARA 2 OF THE DECISION SHEET) END
BRACKETS

1. OPENING STATEMENTS IN OPEN PLENARY MEETING (DURATION:
UP TO A WEEK). BEGIN BRACKETS STATEMENTS SHOULD BE NO
LONGER THAN 50 MINUTES PER SPEAKER. END BRACKETS

2. DISCUSSION OF EVALUATION IN CLOSED PLENARY.
THE BASKETS COULD BE TAKEN EITHER CONSECUTIVELY, OR IN
ALTERNATION (E.G., BASKET I IN THE MORNING, BASKET II IN
THE AFTERNOON, BASKET III THE NEXT MORNING, AND SO ON).
IN THE LATTER CASE, COMMITTEES (SEE POINT 3 BELOW) COULD
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START WORK AT A VERY EARLY STAGE. (BEGIN BRACKETS UP TO
END BRACKETS THREE WEEKS)

3. DISCUSSION OF EVALUATION; DISCUSSION OF PROPOSALS FOR
IMPROVING IMPLEMENTATION IN COMMITTEES (COULD TAKE AT
LEAST FIVE WEEKS). BEGIN BRACKETS DISCUSSION OF PROPOSALS
SHOULD BE DISTINCT FROM DISCUSSION OF EVALUATION IN COM-
MITTEES. END BRACKETS

4. DISCUSSION OF FOLLOW-UP IN AD HOC WORKING GROUP (COULD
LAST AT LEAST TWO WEEKS).

5. FINAL CLOSED PLENARY TO RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE
COMMITTEES AND TO AGREE CONCLUDING DOCUMENT (COULD LAST
ONE-TWO WEEKS).

6. CLOSING STATEMENTS IN OPEN PLENARY (UP TO A
WEEK).
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